D#21 DOWNLIGHTING

SUPPLEMENTAL STAFF REPORT

SUMMARY: This Supplemental Staff Report provides responses to issues that were raised at a Planning Commission meeting regarding amendments to the Renton Municipal Code Development Regulations (Title IV). It also includes additional information that staff has identified as being necessary to include in the analysis for amendments.

General Description

The Highlands Task Force made this docket item request. The request proposes amending Title IV design guidelines (Districts A, B, C, D, and E) to require downlighting for pedestrian and vehicular movement, unless approved administratively for ornamental pedestrian scale lighting that does not point downward or lighting is specifically allowed in RMC 4-4-075 Lighting, Exterior On-Site (i.e., signage, governmental flags, temporary holiday or decorative lighting, right-of-way-lighting, etc.).

<u>Planning Commission Issue:</u> Please provide a map depicting the Design Districts of the City.

<u>Staff Response:</u> The map shown in Attachment A identifies the locations of the five design districts.

<u>Planning Commission Issue:</u> Does the City's Arborist have any concerns about the uplighting of vegetation?

<u>Staff Response:</u> Staff solicited comments from the City's Arborist, and he does not have any "significant issues with uplighting of vegetation".